

IN THE FRONT ROW

HEADLINES TONIGHT.

Lagerdemon
Hippodrome.....The Great Richards
Pictures.
Nelson.....In the Northland
Princess.....Peg O' the Ring
Dixie.....The Captive God
Grand.....Daredevil Kate
Ideal.....Getting the Graft

In the opinion of Dr. R. H. Schofield, of Terre Haute, Ind., the person with normal eyes is in no danger of temporary unpleasant symptoms or permanent ill effects by following closely any reasonable exhibition of moving pictures. In an article in "The Moving Picture World" he says: "Tatant eye defects that would ordinarily worry and annoy for years from common usage are localized and irritated by the pictures, and, in a very short time, the individual is led—not to blame the pictures—but to seek relief. Many persons now wear glasses who hardly thought of their eyes until they began to see the moving pictures and proved thereby that real hidden eye defects existed."

The constant improvements in picture machines, lights and screens together with the art of projection is rapidly removing all possibilities of danger to the eyes.

Lawrence Sullivan, who was a leading figure of the Lewis-Clay players in their engagement here last winter is starring with the Kitty Kirk Company. They are playing week stands throughout the middle west and are booked for Portsmouth, O., next week. In a letter which Jack Lewis, "Sully" says some kind words about his both in Fairmont, and confides to Jack that he contemplates buying a swell new overcoat soon. This is a sure sign of prosperity and we helped to "wish it on him."

Jack Lord stepped over from Monongah Saturday evening and we had a pleasant chat. Jack is just as delightful as an ordinary being as he is in character. The Lord & Vernon Company are giving "General Nuisance" and "Saratoa" in a two-and-a-half hour bill at Monongah the first three days of the week.

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The stunt that "Dare Devil" Young will pull off opposite the Hipp at 7:15 tonight is said to be a thriller. He has challenged any man or number of men, in Fairmont to fasten him in a straight jacket in such a way that he can't get out. He says it can't be done—or at least it has never yet

AMERICAN GIRL QUEEN GETS FOUR CROWNS IN YEAR FROM SUBJECTS



QUEEN MURIEL ON HER THRONE AND AS SHE LOOKS IN EVERY DAY LIFE.

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 30.—Queens of royal lineage are born not made, but there is no such restriction placed upon queenship here in America where all women are born with equal rights. That explains why crowns have been thrust upon Miss Muriel Saling, of Pendleton, in dazzling, glittering profusion.

Though she boasts only of descent from common pioneer stock, she has four times within a year been crowned a queen and bears the unprecedented honor of having resigned over Oregon's three greatest and most distinctive municipal festivals, the Portland Rose Festival, the Astoria Regatta and the Pendleton Round-Up. In addition she is Queen of the Columbia Highway, the scenic auto roadway which was opened last spring.

With all the homage paid her, Queen Muriel prefers the drab of private citizenship to the purple of royalty. The romance of being addressed as "Your Majesty" is all very well for a short time, but her's is a practical as well as a democratic nature. She does not believe in a life of make-believe and idleness for womankind; and so it happens that, though but 22 years old, she has been for two years in everyday life the first deputy to the county clerk of Umatilla county.

But with the regular tab show follower there rests a different opinion. Surrounded with superior stage effects and a larger chorus "Step Lively" has a decided advantage to begin with. Its comedy is laugh-provoking, and several specialty acts, particularly the violinist, truly deserved the hand they got. But, on the other hand, either of the two audiences would probably have condemned openly many features of the show had it been permitted in a house that does not enjoy the Grand's reputation of eminent respectability. Truly, the cloak of respectability permiteth much.

In addition to "The Captive God," with William S. Hart in the title role as the stalwart Spaniard, Dixie patrons will be treated tonight to a delightful comedy featuring William Col-

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been done. He escapes from his shackles while suspended in the air. This is to be a free exhibition and is one of the many features Jack Lewis has planned for a big week at the Hipp.

In deference to the tastes of the two audiences which witnessed "Step Lively" at the Grand on Saturday we are inclined to relax our own judgment and applaud along with those who saw the show. That the major portion of the audiences were made up of people who do not patronize musical comedies at the popular priced houses was apparent, and anything that savored of musical comedy was to be favorably received by those who have missed some of the very excellent entertainments furnished elsewhere in this city this season.

and spent some time in conference with Mr. Bowers as to the situation in West Virginia. Both Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Bowers are very optimistic as to the outcome of the November election.

"Republican leaders have set their hearts on carrying this state," said Mr. Bowers, "and from all indications they are going to win it. Here it is only the end of September and the campaign in the state has aroused interest that sounds like November 6. National officials have placed the Senatorial election in the 'sure-to-be safe' class; every indication points to a solid Republican delegation for the state; and, effort of the Democrats to make political capital out of the Robinson-Lilly contest after the primary, have fallen so short of their intended effect, that Judge Robinson's expectation of the governorship can be put, without exaggeration in the 'safe' class, too. We hear a great deal of the prosperity—'Democratic prosperity'—that prevails under the present administration, but, while it is the truth that compulsory idleness does not prevail anywhere; that wages are good; that the price of farm products has gone up and still rising; the democratic arguments in favor of the administration—the best proof of this credit is not to be attributed to the Wilson administration is the fact that it has not come through legislation enacted during the past four years. The government has not promoted war trade, through which a large part of the prosperity comes; nor has it enacted any legislation to stimulate railroad expansion. The only railroad legislation—that dealing with the hours of labor for the train brotherhoods, was a deterrent of prosperity, if it operated in either direction. Then, too, while individual Americans have made money, Uncle Sam himself has not prospered. Instead of taking in \$275,000,000 or \$300,000,000 in customs duties as he might have done, he has taken in a little more than \$200,000,000 and has been forced to impose direct taxes to meet the government's needs. The country is in a listening and respectful mood; Mr. Hughes is finding it so, and if he keeps up his present lick, in his direct way and meeting the issues

her. It is called "Never Again!"

Like all of the Selwyn products, "Fair and Warmer," which comes to the Grand Wednesday night, may be put down as a first class show. We have the oral opinion of a fellow townsman who witnessed the production recently by the same company and that's enough to satisfy us until we see it ourselves.

OLD STAGER.

HATFIELD DECLARES

(Continued from page 1.)

He also calls attention to the fact that this expenditure had been reported to the legislature of 1915 and had been approved.

Another expenditure which was the basis of an insinuation by Cornwell that public funds had been used for running down state officials, was a requisition for \$4,000 which had been drawn from the civil contingent fund for use in connection with the criminal prosecution against A. Leo Well, under indictment in the Intermediate Court of Kanawha county for attempted bribery of two members of the Public Service Commission. This expenditure was authorized, it is evidenced by the legislature of 1915 composed of Democrats and Republicans, and it is also pointed out that the amount was turned over in its entirety to Mr. T. C. Townsend, Prosecuting Attorney of the county. Attention is also called to the fact that an investigating committee of the legislature composed of Democrats and Republicans approved the expenditure and declared that no portion of the \$4,000 had been misappropriated.

In conclusion Governor Hatfield stated that he will take the stump to defend his administration and will be glad to meet Mr. Cornwell at any time he chooses to do so. His statement is as follows:

In his cowardly refusal to accept my challenge to meet him before the people of the state in a joint discussion of the issues that he has raised in connection with the record of my administration as Governor of West Virginia, Mr. John J. Cornwell, the Democratic nominee for Governor, has seen fit to continue his malicious insinuations as to certain expenditures made by me as certain expenditures of the state.

Mr. Cornwell declares that his "time is too much occupied with this campaign to undertake the burden of securing for the Governor audiences before which to defend his administration." So palpably insincere upon its face is this kind of a statement that it must be apparent to all persons that Mr. Cornwell is afraid to meet me in joint discussion of the record of this administration. So far as the size of the audiences is concerned, it would be anything from such a discussion he would be glad to have a large crowd as possible present. And so far concerns the size of the crowds that have been hearing Mr. Cornwell, I am reliably informed that there is no reason to anticipate any tumultuous outpouring of the people, as, for instance, when the Democratic candidate spoke at Madison, last week he was heard by 37 persons, approximately one-half

of these being prisoners serving terms in the county jail who were turned out for that occasion.

Mr. Cornwell has been making many statements as to my administration that are contemptibly malicious. He seems not in the least concerned as to the truth of the charges he may utter, and his recklessness in this regard has discredited him as a candidate before the people of the state.

I must repeat the assertion made in my letter, I am convinced of the maliciousness of Mr. Cornwell's desire to make libelous statements about me, as he has about others, and in this he will not be permitted to continue his barefaced falsehoods without due recourse by me. I must insist that he state the truth in his assertions about my administrative acts in the future—a thing he has been unwilling to do in the past.

Mr. Cornwell insinuates something wrong as to a certain expenditure of \$1,957.84 made payable to Guy B. Biddinger from the civil contingent fund. This expenditure was given the widest publicity in the state at the time it was made. It has been approved by the legislature of 1915 as a just and proper one, and in this connection I wish to quote a communication addressed to me by Judge William S. O'Brien, a democrat, judge of the circuit court of Upshur county, in which he urges that the payment should be made by the state in order that the ends of justice might be protected:

"Buckhannon, West Va., October 21, 1913.

Hon. H. D. Hatfield,

Charleston, West. Va.

Dear Sir:—

Having in mind our conversation in relation to the bribery trials had during my recent visit to Charleston, I make bold to write you in reference to the Biddinger allowance, which so far remains unsatisfied by the state of West Virginia.

From a personal standpoint I have no interest whatever in payment of this claim, other than the satisfaction which the approval of my action in the matter would bring to me. This purely personal interest will not be considered.

I have no special interest in asking its approval because it was allowed by me as the trial judge and as the representative of the state of West Virginia, in the light of official duty. I tried to acquaint you with the main grounds for my action, and I feel that you approve it.

Then if I was right, or in the main, right, why should the court be left under undue criticism, for the doing of the thing.

As you will understand, I should not at present by publication try to allay criticism. These bribery cases are yet pending in our courts.

There should be no proceedings had to compel its satisfaction for such action would, in my humble opinion, be a proclamation to our citizenship that the recourse of the state are to be arrayed on the side of public welfare in the prosecution of these charges with official graft and bribery, and that our legislature is yet to remain an open field of corruption.

And now, Mr. Governor, it appears to me that the present attitude in ference to this allowance is causing those prosecutions to lose beneficent force, and I want to respectfully request of you, if you feel that you can consistently do so, that you find some way to satisfy this claim, out of the public funds of the state, and such action be taken without delay.

I beg of you to believe me when I say that were I not morally certain that this allowance was made with the best interests of good and pure government in view; and that in reviewing my action in the premises, I did what the exigencies of the case demanded; and what I did was right, I would not make this request.

If you do take the step I have suggested, I feel sure that every good citizen will in the end commend you for your courage, and that the state will feel the impulse in civic righteousness.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
(Signed) Wm. S. O'Brien.
And also the following letter received from Judge O'Brien after payment had been made:

"Buckhannon, West Va., November 2, 1913.

Hon. H. D. Hatfield,

Charleston, W. Va.

My dear Governor:—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 25th ult. in relation to your satisfaction of the Biddinger claim. Business matters compelled neglect of correspondence. I assure

you that I highly appreciate the kind things you said of me in your public statement, and that it will be my highest ambition and endeavor to command not only your respect, but merit your commendation as well.

I, too, regretted that circumstances appeared to demand your interference in this matter, but when I saw that the enemies of substantial purity and integrity in official affairs were taking advantage of the differences of judgment between the court and the auditor and were so playing upon public sentiment as to cause these trials to lose salutary force and effect, I felt

it a public duty to call on you to intervene.

I am sure that all well meaning men will commend you for your action in this matter, especially when the exigencies of the case are more generally understood.

Again, my dear Governor, I thank you personally and commend you officially for what you have done by your act in the protection of the public weal.

I remain,
Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) Wm. S. O'Brien.
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WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 2.—Congressman Sutherland visited the State department during his short stay in the city last week to ask officials there to make inquiry into the reasons for detaining Mrs. Ellen Clemens, of New Cumberland, W. Va., at Ellis Island, and to ascertain if she cannot be released at once. Mrs. Clemens has relatives in Hancock county, who have written to Congressman Sutherland and he is making every effort to have papers forwarded which will secure freedom to pass for Mrs. Clemens.

Mrs. Sutherland also took up with the Department of Labor the question of sending certain labor into West Virginia. Since the outbreak of the war, and the constant call for men at high salaries in the various munition, steel and other war manufacturing establishments, men are constantly being drawn from other lines, and at present there is a shortage of labor of various kinds in West Virginia—in the mines—among lumber workers and others. Congressman Sutherland reported to the Commissioner of Labor the condition of affairs in the state and the latter promised to get into communication at once with Commissioner Nightingale, of state, and co-operate with him in any way possible to secure the desired number of men.

"Senator Borah made a correct report as to the conditions in West Virginia," was the statement of Joe Mc Lane, of this city, who has just returned from a visit through his home state. "If there had been any doubt how West Virginia might go in the election, that doubt was dispelled when the Democrats passed the eight-hour law. West Virginia is more vitally affected by the law than perhaps any other state in the Union, and not only Republicans but Democrats all over the state are up in arms against the administration because of it. I have been in every Congressional District of the state and am familiar with conditions. In my judgment, West Virginia will give an overwhelming plurality for the national ticket, also the entire state will vote for a solid Republican delegation to Congress. There are at present two Democratic members of the House from West Virginia. I believe in both districts represented by Democrats the Republicans will win. The election of a Republican United States Senator is assured.

The voters of the state have never been so much interested in a campaign as they are this year, and there will be a bigger vote recorded in November than in any previous election. There is no longer any Progressive party in the state, and the Republican vote will be cast solidly for the party candidates."

Conrad Hoeymes, of West Virginia, District Corporation Counsel in West Virginia this week, speaking making for the Democratic party among his home folks. Mr. Symes will also be one of the speakers at

the old-fashioned Democratic rally which is to be held in Washington Oct. 10, under the auspices of the Wilson-Marshall league. Mr. Wilson has been invited to attend the latter meeting and several prominent West Virginia Democrats have been asked to deliver addresses.

Word was received here by Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Baker that Mrs. Elizabeth P. Higginbotham, wife of Samuel H. Higginbotham, former postmaster of Charles Town, had passed away at their home near Rippen, W. Va. Mrs. Higginbotham was seventy-three years of age and beside her daughter, Mrs. Baker, of this city, is survived by two sons.

Congressman George Bowers paid his usual Thursday visit to Washington this week and was a busy man for the few hours he spent in the House building looking after the departmental matters that had come up during his absence. The office force of Mr. Bowers has been working overtime to supply blanks and information for the numerous widows in his District who are eligible to increase in pension under the Ashbrooks' Widows Pension bill passed this month by Congress. Many of the application blanks have been returned and filed, by Mr. Bowers on his weekly visit, with the Pension bureau. The importance of keeping in touch with his constituents through the Washington office, and looking after personally the numerous requests that come in daily has been more than realized by Mr. Bowers, and his home is near enough Washington for him to keep in close touch with Washington affairs and give prompt attention to the departmental matters, and numerous other affairs, which the passing of new laws in Congress this year made necessary. Congressman Sutherland was also here for a few days

REPORT SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

	Av. At	At G.
First M. E.	563	484
Diamond St. M. E.	337	312
South M. E.	159	139
Presbyterian	250	236
First M. P.	185	162
First Baptist	278	268
Palatine Baptist	172	176
Christian	187	173
Lutheran	90	146

Only two schools made a gain, but all the others made a loss, some of them far below the average. The averages for the new year are in this report. Some of them are far lower than one year ago.

When the roads get muddy the Sunday schools will increase. The schools have to take second choice with many people now.

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